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OF LAND REFUGEES TO INS UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM

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1. SUMMARY: WE ARE PROVIDING FOR THE DEPARTMENTS
COMMENT THE CRITERIA WHICH WE PLAN TO EMPLOY IN PRESENTING
INLAND REFUGEES TO INS DURING AT LEAST THE FIRST ROUND
OF INTERVIEWS. WE ARE ALSO FORWARDING EMBASSY VIEWS
ON CATEGORY CRITERIA FOR THE NEW PROGRAM. END SUMMARY

2. THE EMBASSY IS PREPARING FOR THE INITIAL ALLOCATION
OF LAND NUMBERS UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM. DURING THE FINAL
DAYS OF THE IPP-77 INTERVIEWS IN MARCH, INS APPROVED
1406 PERSONS FOR WHOM THERE WERE INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS.
RECOUPS HAVE PERMITTED US TO ACCOMMODATE 52 OF THESE
INDIVIDUALS. FIRST PRIORITY FOR NEW NUMBERS WILL GO
TO THE REMAINING 1354.

3. THE BALANCE OF THE NEW NUMBERS WILL BE ALLOCATED
TO THE BEST QUALIFIED IN ALL CATEGORIES FROM AMONG
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THOSE WHO ENTERED THE CAMPS NO LATER THAN 11 AUGUST 1977,
AND WHO WERE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO INS UNDER IPP-77
BUT WERE NOT INTERVIEWED. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC
GUIDELINES WOULD GOVERN PRESENTATION OF THESE CASES TO
INS.

4. ADD-ON RELATIVES: WE BELIEVE THAT IPP-APPROVED

LAND REFUGEES STILL IN COUNTRY AND REFUGEES YET TO BE APPROVED UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ADD RECENTLY ESCAPED RELATIVES WHOM INS WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE APPROVED HAD THEY BEEN IN COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW. THIS PROVISION WOULD PERMIT THE ADDITION OF SPOUSES, PARENTS, SINGLE CHILDREN, GRAND-CHILDREN, AND SINGLE SIBLINGS. ALTHOUGH ADD-ON RELATIVES MAY DELAY DEPARTURE WHILE SPONSORSHIP DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT PERMITTING DEPARTURE FOR THE U.S. AS ONE CASE RATHER THAN TWO OR MORE SEPARATE CASES IS THE MOST HUMANITARIAN AND EFFICIENT APPROACH.

5. IN GENERAL, WE WOULD EXCLUDE REFUGEES WHO MISSED THEIR PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED INS INTERVIEW (NO SHOWS) OR WITHDREW THEIR APPLICATIONS DURING IPP-77. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE MAY BE PRESENTED TO INS ONLY ON A COMPELLING BASIS AFTER APPROVAL BY THE REFUGEE OFFICER AND ENDORSEMENTS BY THE COORDINATOR OR THE DEPUTY.

6. WE ALSO PREFER TO CONTINUE EXCLUDING CATEGORY 1 REFUGEES WHOSE ONLY ANCHOR IN THE U.S. OBTAINED INS APPROVAL DURING ANY PREVIOUS PROGRAM THROUGH MISREPRESENTATION. NOR WOULD WE LIKE AT THIS TIME TO PRESENT REFUGEES WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDABLE UNDER 212 (A) (11) DUE TO A POLYGAMOUS RELATIONSHIP, BUT WHO NOW CLAIM ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE SPOUSE AS A RESULT OF A CAMP DIVORCE OF THE OTHER SPOUSE/SPOUSES.

7. CATEGORY 1 - WE SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S APPARENT INTENTION TO EXCLUDE THE CONFERRAL OF CATEGORY 1 STATUS ON REFUGEES IN THAILAND BY RELATIVES WHO ENTERED THE U.S. SINCE 1 JANUARY 1978. SUCH AN EXCLUSION WOULD DEFER THE CATEGORY 1 MAGNET EFFECT, WHEREBY ALL MEMBERS OF A GIVEN FAMILY, REGARDLESS OF THE CATEGORY OR COLLATERAL RELATIONSHIP AT THE TIME OF INS INTERVIEW, HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONFER CATEGORY 1 ELIGIBILITY ON THE RELATIVES LEFT BEHIND.

8. WHILE NOT A MATTER FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION, WHEN THE AUGUST 11 ELIGIBILITY DATE FOR ARRIVAL IN THAI CAMPS IS EVENTUALLY ADVANCED, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION TO THE 1 JANUARY RESTRICTION DESCRIBED IN PARA 7 ABOVE. WE BELIEVE THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (PA) ONLY SHOULD THEN BE ALLOWED TO CONFER CATEGORY 1 STATUS ON THOSE OF HIS RELATIVES WHOM INS WULD HAVE APPROVED HAD THEY BEEN WITH THE PA AT THE TIME OF INTERVIEW. THIS EXCEPTION WOULD PERMIT A LIMITED BUT UNIFORM GROUND RULE FOR FAMILY

RE-UNIFICATION WITHOUT EXTENDING IT TO RELATIVES ON THE
IN-LAW SIDE.

9. NEW CATEGORY 11: BLENDING CATEGORY 11 AND 111 INTO
ONE NEW CATEGORY 11 AS DISCUSSED IN REFS A, B, AND C
IS WORKABLE SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE THOSE WHO WOULD
BE QUALIFIED UNDER THE PRESENT CATEGORY 11 AND 111.
WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE POINT IN REF B THAT IN THE
EYES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENTS OF INDOCHINA, A DATE OF
1 JANUARY 1972 FOR ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES
WOULD SEEM IRRELEVANT. WE WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING
FORMER U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HELD SUPERVISORY
OR OTHERWISE MEANINGFUL POSITIONS FOR AT LEAST ONE
YEAR (RATHER THAN ONLY SIX MONTHS) SINCE 1954, WHICH
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IS WHEN OUR INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA REALLY BEGAN.
FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS
BE CONSIDERED IF EMPLOYED BY THE USG FOR FIVE RATHER
THAN TEN YEARS; AGAIN SINCE 1954. LIKEWISE, AS
SUGGESTED IN REF A, PARA 6 (K), WE RECOMMEND THE
SPOUSE AND SINGLE CHILDREN OF PA'S WHO WOULD HAVE
QUALIFIED HAD THEY ESCAPED THEIR HOMELANDS ALSO BE
CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM CONSIDERATION.

10. CATEGORY IV - WE ASSUME THAT CATEGORY IV WILL
BE RETAINED TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO INS IN HUMANITARIAN
CASES. REF A, PARA 6 CONTAINS APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES,
WHICH INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR ACCEPTING RELATIVES WHO
WOULD OTHERWISE BE ABANDONED.

11. THE EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO A DIALOGUE WITH THE
DEPARTMENT ON ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA BEFORE WASHINGTON
TAKES FINAL DECISIONS.
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